

48. The commercial transaction communication system of claim 17 wherein the plural groups includes at least one vendor and a plurality of potential buyers.

49. The commercial transaction communication system of claim 17 wherein the plural groups includes a plurality of potential buyers and a plurality of vendors.

50. The commercial transaction communication control system of claim 17 further including an image storage system for storing images for provision to said buyer.

51. The commercial transaction communication control system of claim 50 wherein the image storage includes still images.

52. The commercial transaction system of claim 17 further including an inventory control system.

53. The commercial transaction system of claim 52 further including a notification prevention system when said inventory control system indicates that the product or service is unavailable.

REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, Applicant is canceling claim 1, without prejudice, and introducing claims 17-53 for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 17-53 are generally similar to claims 299-335 of the co-pending parent application Serial No. 08/189,405, which were canceled in the parent application to address a requirement for restriction of the claims.

Consideration of these claims in a separate divisional application is respectfully requested.

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